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October 13, 1998

MATTHEW J. MEADOWS  
4380 NW 11ST  
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SUBJECT: MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.  
Ref. Number: W98000023231

We have received your document for MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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30th District

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October 19, 1998

Ms. Sharon Davis  
Document Specialist Supervisor  
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Florida Department of State  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Dear Ms. Davis:

Please find attached the necessary changes to the application, Ref #  
W98000023231.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

MATTHEW J. MEADOWS  
Senator, District 30

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**MT. ZION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH, INC.** *of Ft. Pierce, Fla.*  
**A FLORIDA CORPORATION NOT FOR PROFIT**

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a Florida corporation not-for-profit under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the Corporation is Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Inc. *of Ft. Pierce, Fla.*

**ARTICLE II**  
**PURPOSE**

The Corporation is organized exclusively for religious purposes, including without limitation, the following:

- (a) to provide a meaningful and organized structure and physical facility to accommodate public worship of the Lord Jesus Christ, enabling persons of all races, creeds, and colors to worship together as a body of believers, committed to the Word of Jesus Christ;
- (b) to pledge itself in unselfish devotion and loyalty to the principles and doctrines of the Christian Faith;
- (c) to encourage members to be representatives of holiness in their everyday lives, and to live lives that reflect the image of Christ, by associating together as a body of believers for the purposes of religious worship, and for the dissemination of the Gospel of Jesus Christ;
- (d) to disseminate the gospel of Jesus Christ, as set forth in the Holy Scriptures as recorded in the Bible, which is believed to be the inspired, infallible and unerring Word of God; and
- (e) to teach, preach, evangelize, facilitate, and accommodate religious worship, and to promulgate the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through all available lawful means, whether through electronic media (television or radio), through written or verbal communication, through missionary and evangelistic street outreaches to hopeless and despairing individuals of all races, creeds, and colors, or through the development of educational programs at the preschool, elementary school, high school, or graduate school levels.

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**ARTICLE III**  
**QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS AND MANNER OF ADMISSION**

The qualifications for members and the manner of their admission shall be as regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein, members must pledge an unselfish devotion and loyalty to the principles of Christian faith and salvation through repentance, and agree to be subject to pastoral leadership as unto Christ.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS**

The principal place of business of the Corporation is at 1706 N. 19th Street, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950.

**ARTICLE V**  
**NO DISTRIBUTION OF PROFITS**

The Corporation is not organized for pecuniary profit. The Corporation shall not have any power to issue certificates of stock or declare dividends, and no part of its net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or individual. The balance, if any, of all monies received by the Corporation from its operations, after the payment in full of all debts and obligations of the Corporation, of whatever kind or nature, shall be issued and distributed exclusively for religious purposes.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**PROHIBITION AGAINST POLITICAL ACTIVITIES**

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to the promulgation of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for political office.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 520 N. 24th Street, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950, and the name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address is Matthew J. Meadows.

**ARTICLE VIII**  
**INITIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Corporation shall initially have four (4) trustees to hold office until the first annual meeting of members and their successors shall have been duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation, removal from office or death. The number of trustees may be either increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but at no time shall there be less than three (3) trustees. The names and addresses of the initial trustees of the Corporation are as follows:

Name	Address
John Meadows	520 N. 24th Street Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950
Matthew J. Meadows, Sr.	4380 NW 11th Street Lauderhill, Florida 33313
Felicia Y. Meadows	4410 NW 13th Court Lauderhill, Florida 33313
Charley M. Meadows	4380 NW 11th Street Lauderhill, Florida 33313

**ARTICLE IX**  
**DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation, or in the event it shall cease to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth, all the business, property, and assets of the Corporation shall go and be distributed to such non-for-profit corporation(s), as may be selected by the Board of Trustees of the Corporation so that the business, properties, and assets of the Corporation shall then be used for, and devoted to religious purposes. In no way shall any of the assets or property of the Corporation, or the proceeds of any of the assets or property of the Corporation, in the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, or upon its ceasing to carry out the objects and purposes herein set forth, that the property and assets then owned by the Corporation shall be devoted exclusively to religious purposes.

**ARTICLE X  
INCORPORATORS**

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

Name	Address
John Meadows	520 N. 24th Street Ft. Pierce, Florida 34950
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**ARTICLE XI  
AMENDMENTS**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended only by a majority vote of the Trustees.

WE, the undersigned have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1997.

John Meadows  
John Meadows, Incorporator

Felicia Y. Meadows  
Felicia Y. Meadows, Incorporator

Matthew J. Meadows, Sr.  
Matthew J. Meadows, Sr., Incorporator

Charley M. Meadows  
Charley M. Meadows, Incorporator

## ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

I hereby accept the appointment as the initial registered agent of Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Inc., as made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED: November 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997

By:

Matthew J. Meadows  
Matthew J. Meadows, Sr.

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